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1. On 13 February 1954, the Fuchsberg Kaserne (3201), Jueterbog, was occupied. On 2 February, 2 T-34 tanks and, on 3 February, about 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets armed with submachine guns, carbines and light machine guns and carrying practice targets left the installation toward the slaughterhouse. Between 2 and 13 February, about 20 troops almost daily left the installation toward the slaughter-house. On 3 February, 30 to 40 troops practiced aiming at the training grounds.

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2. On 5 February, 8 to 10 T-34 tanks were seen behind the hospital, en route toward Dennewitz.

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3. At about 4:30 p.m. on 11 February, 3 trucks towing AT guns of at least 80-mm caliber were seen en route toward Jueterbog II, coming from the direction of Altes Lager (3205). On 10 February, 8 trucks, towing 120-mm mortars and were seen en route toward Altes Lager. 1

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4. On 8 February, the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik in Luckenwalde was occupied by about 500 troops. unusually many officers. On 28 January, about 250 to 350 troops drilled in the barracks yard. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the installation

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5. On 8 February, Stalag I was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. On 29 January rocket launchers and truck entered the camp from the direction of the training area. On 3 February, 2 rocket launchers were being emplaced southwest of the camp and subsequently fired toward the training area. Motor vehicles were seen en route to and from the installation.

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6. On 8 February, Stalag II was occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. On 24 and 29 January, about 100 troops drilled, 30 troops engaged in maintaining of motor vehicles

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and about 60 troops in physical training in the camp. On 4 February, about 25 officers and NCOs received instruction on range finders. Motor vehicles [redacted] were identified. 2

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7. Between 22 January and 8 February, exercises with heavy weapons were almost daily held at the Forst Zinna training area. On 22 January, guns, including 76.2-mm field guns, fired toward Mehlsdorf from emplacements in Jagen (forest section) Nos 45 and 46. On 24 January, the Forst Zinna railroad station was put off limits. [redacted] a unit was being entrained. Truck [redacted] occupied by about 25 troops carrying full field pack, repair shop truck [redacted] and field kitchen [redacted] went toward the training area, coming from the Forst Zinna railroad station. At about 1 p.m., about 40 trucks [redacted] and 16 rocket launchers were observed in Jagen Nos 40 through 43. At about 3 p.m. on 27 January, 4 rocket launchers [redacted] and 6 trucks loaded with fuel drums [redacted] were observed in Jagen Nos 43 and 44, while 8 trucks towing 8 guns, presumably 57-mm AT guns and 76-mm field guns, were seen near the engine house, coming from the direction of Luckenwalde and proceeding to Jagen 46 in the training area via the Wildbahn hunting grounds. Trucks [redacted] were identified. At about 4 p.m. on 30 January, 5 x 76-mm field guns and 5 trucks [redacted] were seen at the western edge of Jagen No 40. About 80 trucks, [redacted] and others of the [redacted] were seen in Jagen Nos 16, 40 and 43. At about 5 p.m., 9 trucks, [redacted] and 8 x 52-mm field howitzers were seen in Jagen Nos 49 through 56. On 1 February, [redacted] 12 trucks, [redacted]

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in Jagen Nos 17 and 45. 3

8. On 8 February, the Adolf Hitler Camp (3207), Forst Zinna, was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia. On 2 and 3 February, an undetermined number of troops drilled in the installation, while 3 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns and [redacted] entered from the direction of the training area. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation [redacted]

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9. On 11 February, the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik was occupied by 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and presumably belonging to an instruction unit. The officers were quartered as previously in the hillels at Schieferling. Training was mostly conducted in the former workshops. On 26 January and 8 February, about 200 troops marched to the workshops and, between 21 January and 5 February, about 40 troops were repeatedly observed at firing with carbines at the firing range.

10. On 11 February, Stalag I was occupied as previously. Between 22 January and 9 February, about 40 to 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were repeatedly seen at firing practice in the vicinity of the installation. The gravel pits were no longer used as firing ranges. On 10 February, about 30 troops practiced throwing of hand grenades.

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11. On 11 February, Stalag II was occupied as previously. Between 19 January and 9 February, about 50 to 100 troops were repeatedly seen leaving the camp toward the wooded area for field training. 2

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| <p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Comment.</u> The motor vehicle [] confirm in Jueterbog units of the 14th Gds Mech Div. The mortars are an indication for the 497th Mort Regt of the 14th Gds Mech Div stationed in Altes Lager.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Comment.</u> The 91st Gds RL Regt of the Third Gds Mecc Army and the training unit in Luckenwalde, can be carried as previously in Stalags I and II (3321) and the Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik (3322) respectively.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Comment.</u> The advanced combat firing practices in this area are known. According to motor vehicle [] the practices mainly involved units of the 14th Gds Mech Div and the Third Gds Mech Army.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Comment.</u> According to motor vehicle [] the installation is occupied as previously by the Hq Third Gds Mech Army.</p> | <p>25X1
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